

# 'Nation's Birth' Maker 'Lives Under His Hat'

Greatest "Movie" Director Has  
Fifty Chapeaux and Wears  
All Every Day.

## INTERESTING PERSONALITY

Doesn't Like to Talk About Him-  
self, But His History Is Real  
"Human Interest."

The official biographer of David Wark Griffith, the producer of the motion picture, "The Birth of a Nation," asked for some data and got the answer that "he was born in Kentucky, that he grew up in a house like most boys; started out after his school and college days to find his place in the world and that since he went into the business of producing motion pictures he has lived most of the time under his hat."

Despite his reticence the creator of "The Birth of a Nation" (when one knows him and there are but few who do) has one of the most interesting personalities in the world.

Few men owe more to their parents than the motion picture director does to his. Gen. Jacob Wark Griffith and Mrs. Mary Perkins Griffith.

The father held distinguished command in the Southern army. He died when his son was but a lad, but nevertheless the boy retained the inherited military rectitude of the stories of civil war campaigns that General Griffith used to tell.



DAVID WARK GRIFFITH.

**Mother His Best Friend.**

Mrs. Griffith, the mother, who lived to see her son complete his great work, was ever David's best friend. She gave him a good education and schooled him in the old-fashioned chivalry of Kentucky.

Young Griffith wanted to be an actor or a dramatist, he didn't quite know which.

A stock company director named Oscar W. Eagle gave him his first job in Louisville, from which post he drifted to New York and alternated between acting parts and writing plays.

The row of a young playwright is hard to hoe, and so after one of his early partly successful attempts young Griffith attached himself as utility actor at \$5 a day to the Biograph studio.

Soon they were taking small scenarios from him, and one day when one of the producers saw all they allowed Griffith to make a one-reel picture. Soon he was a full-fledged director.

His new "fade-out," "close-up," "fade-in," "switch-back," and "parallel action" revolutionized the technical side of picture making.

His selection of actors in this field was likewise almost uncanny. In five years he developed hundreds of motion picture actors and actresses who are just the stars of today.

**Keen Literary Sense.**

Furthermore he had a keen sense of literary values. Besides using the stock dramatic material of the routine motion picture director he invaded the realms of poetry, fiction, and other standard literature for his subjects. The union of these with his marvelous executive ability, made him the greatest motion picture director in the world.

Griffith is so busy a man that he has no time for the ordinary diversions. While at work in Los Angeles he is up at 6 o'clock every morning. His working day is from 8 o'clock until midnight. Immense as his plant is, he supervises every part of it, reviews all scenarios, inspects every player and every costume, and passes upon all properties and scenes. He directs every foot of all films that bear his name and supervises that done by his other directors.

"I live under his hat" is a true expression. Griffith has a hat in every room of the many score rooms of the studio. He wears fifty hats a day, but his favorites are the enormous panamas that guard against the excessive heat of the Los Angeles sun.

**Always in Working Trim.**

He always keeps in working trim, is hard as nails physically, and while directing wears his hair closely cropped. His favorite instrument is the megaphone. A born commander, he goes out for field work with this enormous speaking tube and directs an army of several hundred persons as easily as a farmer would boss a team of horses. But when he puts on big battle scenes like "Sherman's March to the Sea" and the "Battle of Petersburg" he has to discard that big voiced instrument for a modern switchboard and relays of telephones.

While careful for the safety of his people, he personally fears no danger, and often takes his chances in the most dangerous scenes. With his high-powered automobiles, he and his photographer, G. V. Bitzer, often make 200 miles an hour.

Griffith takes the hardest part of his work as good fun, as exhilarating sport, rather than as a task. He is one of those rare spirits that find life extremely fascinating, interesting, and diverting.

**500 Letters a Day.**

Griffith gets about 500 letters and fifty telegrams every day.

It might save a lot of anxious folk some heartburning to know that he

## How To Prevent Acid Stomachs And Food Fermentation

By a New York Physician.

"My experience leads me to the conclusion that most people who complain of stomach trouble possess stomachs that are absolutely healthy and normal. The real trouble, which causes all the pain and difficulty, is excessive acid in the stomach, aggravated by food fermentation. Hyperacidity irritates the delicate lining of the stomach abnormally, causing that full, bloated feeling. Thus, both acid and fermentation interfere with and retard the process of digestion. The stomach wall is usually healthy and normal, but is irritated almost constantly by these foreign elements—acid and wind. In all cases—and they comprise a great majority of all stomach difficulties—the first and only step necessary is to neutralize the acid and stop the fermentation by taking in a little warm or cold water immediately after eating, from one to two teaspoonfuls of saturated magnesia, which is the most effective antacid and food corrective I have ever found. The excess acid will be neutralized, and the fermentation stopped almost instantly, and your stomach will at once proceed to digest the food in a healthy, normal manner. Be sure to ask your druggist for saturated magnesia rather than magnesia in any other form."—Adv.

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## CLERKS' UNION WILL ASK LOCAL CHARTER

Federal Employees' Organization  
Will Be Headed by H. M. McLarin.

The Federal Employees' Union will ask the American Federation of Labor for a local and not a national charter, according to announcement made today by officials of the organization.

Accompanying an announcement of the election of H. M. McLarin as permanent president and the selection of other officers was a statement concerning the form of union to be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The statement follows: "The form of this organization in order to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor must be what is known as a local labor union—in exact terms—a Federal Labor Union—comprising persons following several different trades or occupations. Unionized labor is organized along trade lines as far as practicable, because the tradesmen of the different kinds are persons of their occupations and must each work for the ends of persons following his own trade.

**Employed in Trade.**

"In this way, membership in trades unions is limited to persons actually employed in such trades. In order to permit the organization of persons in localities where there are not enough of the various tradesmen to warrant their having separate organizations, there has been established by the American Federation of Labor form of union called a Federal Labor Union, as described above, so that all the tradesmen may combine their efforts effectively for their own advancement and protection. The national or international organizations are composed of these local trades unions—not Federal Labor Unions. Under the constitution of the American Federation of Labor a national or international federation may be formed by any seven existing local unions of one particular trade. But a national or international organization cannot be formed of any one organization of any number of organizations in one city or town. There must be at least seven organizations in different cities to form a national organization. Consequently it is entirely impractical to form a national federation of Government employees in the city of Washington."

Discussion for and against a national charter has been warm and spirited among the members of the union for several days. The union members in the Department of Labor held an informal meeting yesterday, and adopted resolutions denying the rumor that they favored a national charter. The Department of Labor members favor a local charter.

Following is a list of the officers elected: H. M. McLarin, president; G.

J. Pillow, first vice president; H. L. Watson, second vice president; H. A. Sullivan, secretary; Miss Florence Etheridge, treasurer; E. R. Reynolds, guardian.

Executive committee: State Department, Charles T. Wade, Consul Bureau.

Treasury Department, John W. Ginder, Office Supervising Architect.

Interior Department, John S. Beach, Pension Office.

Department of Agriculture, E. J. Uewmyer, Bureau of Animal Industry.

Postoffice Department, George Squires, postal savings.

Navy Department, the vote between O. J. Veley, of Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, and J. E. Dickey, of Naval Observatory.

Congress, W. L. Brown, Copyright Office.

Government Printing Office, Harry J. McGowan.

Department of Justice, D. D. Caldwell.

Department of Commerce, S. W. Caywood, Bureau of Standards.

Department of Labor, C. E. Booth, Bureau of Immigration.

War Department—A. B. Mustain, Adjutant General's Office.

Federal Trade Commission, S. S. Kallisher.

Interstate Commerce Commission, W. D. Candler, Division of Statistics, appointed as temporary member until election is held.

## Cemetery So Quiet That Empty Coffin Is Buried

LYNCHBURG, April 8.—Eager for business and as his business was dull last month, the keeper of the old Methodist Cemetery buried an empty coffin, thinking it contained the body of a negro infant. An undertaker had sent an empty coffin to the cemetery.

## Many Washington People Indorse The New Medicine

Outspoken In Their Praise Since Being Relieved of Constipation, Gas on Stomach, Headaches, Nervousness, Catarrh, Rheumatism, Liver and Kidney Troubles, and as a Flesh Producer—Thousands of Bottles Sold.

Since the introduction in Washington of the new root and herb medicine, Drecto, many expressions of satisfaction from persons who have given it a fair trial, have been received. Employees in the State, War, Navy Departments, the Department of Justice, Government Printing Office, Bureau of Engraving, Postoffice, Capitol employees, Library of Congress employees, in fact, all branches of the Government, and in the business and financial circles of Washington, men and women have taken Drecto and received splendid results. It is today the most popular medicine sold here. As a Spring Tonic it cannot be excelled as it helps to throw off that sluggish feeling from winter and puts new life and vigor in your system, increasing weight and strength. Read the signed statements of some of the people who have taken Drecto. We have selected these at random from the many we have on file.

F. B. Miller, 510 14th street northwest, agent for Fairbanks Scale Co., says, "I suffered fifteen years from Catarrh and spent hundreds of dollars on it. Six bottles of Drecto have done me more good than all the other medicines put together."

F. C. Reidy, 314 13th street northeast, Foreman Surface Division of the District, says, "Drecto has done me more good than anything I ever took for stomach disorders and constipation."

J. R. Stephenson, 110 4th street southeast, for ten years employed in the Government Navy Yard, says, "I am feeling better than in years since taking Drecto. It has put my stomach in fine shape. I am stronger, sleep well, my liver acts fine and have no more

constipation. It is a wonderful medicine."

Mrs. W. P. Chroniker, 608 4th street northwest, whose husband works in the Government Printing Office, says, "Since taking Drecto I have a splendid appetite, sleep well, pains in my back and limbs all gone and constipation fully relieved. I have never found anything that did me as much good and I have given a bottle to my married daughter."

Mrs. E. Carroll, 1407 Ames Place northwest, whose husband is a Police Officer, says, "Three bottles of Drecto have done me worlds of good for gas on my stomach, constipation, rheumatism, and inactive liver. I can now eat anything I want without bad effect, and my husband is also taking it and doing fine on it."

Jno. W. Caldwell, for seventeen years employed in the War Department, says, "Drecto has relieved me of a bad case of gas on stomach, and indigestion. It is the best medicine I ever took."

Mrs. Maggie Jackson, 134 Elvan Road, Anacostia, whose husband is in the U. S. Treasury, says, "I have never taken any medicine that did me as much good as Drecto has. I am entirely relieved of constipation, pains in my back and limbs, nervousness, loss of appetite and it takes me over certain times of the month without the least trouble."

Mrs. N. Herfurth, 619 Park Road, says, "I have gained five pounds on one bottle of Drecto."

Drecto, the wonderful reconstructive tonic, is on sale at all the O'Donnell Drug Stores, Allen's Drug Store in Alexandria, Price \$1.00 a bottle. Mail orders from points out of town filled promptly.—Adv.

And pretty soon a well-dug grave was ready.

With all proper dignity and solemnity the coffin was lowered into the grave and covered with soil. In a short time the undertaker had occasion to use the coffin and couldn't find it.

The grave diggers then had to dig up the coffin and return it to the undertaker.

**Orpet Wants Time.**

WAUKESHA, Ill., April 8.—The defense of William H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin student accused of the murder of Marian Lambert at Lake Forest, Ill., is expected to ask for a continuance when the case is called in the circuit court here tomorrow.

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Taffeta Silks, Wool or Silk Poplins, Failles, Velour Checks, New Barred Chinchillas and Wide Wale Gouffines.

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